IN THE CLAIMS:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1, 9 and 17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A reproduction controlling apparatus comprising:

user interface receiving user input according to operation by a user;

auxiliary information generation means for generating auxiliary information based on a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium and a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium;

comparison-computation means for comparing or computing reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice to determine amount of elapsed time; and

command issuing means for ~~selecting one of plural commands~~ issuing a command for controlling reproduction operation of said content, based on the amount of elapsed time and the user input, wherein (a) for a user input skip operation, content is reproduced for a predetermined time for each content block until a command is issued to skip and (b) for a user input play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command changes based upon the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of a content block.

2. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising information storage means for storing auxiliary information generated by said auxiliary information generation means;

wherein said comparison-computation means performs comparison or calculation by utilizing reproduction position information indicated by auxiliary information read out from said information storage means.

3. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation means generates said auxiliary information based on a content block to be reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

4. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said command issuing means changes a content block to be reproduced based on the amount of elapsed time.

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6. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first event notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation means generates said auxiliary information based on a content block to reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

7. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said command issuing means changes a content block to be reproduced based on the amount of elapsed time.

8. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, if there is an issuing operation for a command for controlling reproduction of said content, said command issuing means issues said issued command by converting or adjusting said issued command based on a result of comparison or computation by said comparison-computation means.

9. (Currently Amended) A reproduction controlling method comprising the steps of:

receiving user input according to operation by a user;

generating auxiliary information based on a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium and a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium; and

~~selecting one of plural commands~~ issuing a command for controlling reproduction operation of said content, based on (a) a result of comparison or computation of reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information to determine amount of elapsed time with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice and (b) the user input, wherein (a) for a user input skip operation, content is reproduced for a predetermined time for each content block until a command is issued to skip and (b) for a user input play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command changes based

upon the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of a content block.

10. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of

storing said generated auxiliary information; and

reading out said stored auxiliary information and performing comparison or calculation by utilizing reproduction position information indicated by said read out auxiliary information.

11. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 9, wherein:

said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation is generated based on a content block to be reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

12. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of issuing a command for changing a content block to be reproduced based upon the amount of a time elapsed.

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14. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 10, wherein:

said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation is generated based on a content block to be reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

15. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of issuing a command for changing a content block to be reproduced based upon the amount of time elapsed.

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17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium stored therein a computer program written in computer readable form for reproduction controlling, said program having program codes for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

receiving user input according to operation by a user;

acquiring a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium;

acquiring a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium;

generating auxiliary information based on said first event notice and said second event notice; and

~~selecting one plural commands~~ issuing a command for controlling reproduction operation of said content, based on the user input and a result of comparison or computation of reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice to determine amount of elapsed time, wherein (a) for a user input skip operation, content is reproduced for a predetermined time for each content block until a command is issued to skip and (b) for a user input play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command changes based upon the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of a content block.

18. (Cancelled).